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1. The 12th Czechoslovak Artillery Regiment, located in Pilsen, is motorized and equipped with 122 mm howitzers. Each howitzer is transported by a truck, type Tatra 128.
2. The regimental commander is a lieutenant colonel. His deputy and political officer is a first lieutenant. The commander is head of the regimental staff consisting of eight officers: two majors, one captain and four lieutenants.
3. The regiment consists of the headquarters battery and three battalions. Each battalion is divided into three batteries. The entire regiment consists of ten batteries, i.e. one headquarters battery and nine weapons batteries.
4. The headquarters battery consists of two officers (the commander and his deputy) and 40 men, mostly NCO's. Its activity covers the administration, food supplies, maintenance and repair of howitzers and other weapons, auxiliary equipment (radar, field telephones, surveying instruments) and the motor pool. It does not have heavy weapons.
5. The battalion staff consists of the commander, his deputy and the CO of the auxiliary crews (radar operators, telephone operators, scouting patrols, forward observers and drivers). All three are officers. The weapons battery has a CO and consists of a headquarters platoon and two weapons platoons.
6. The headquarters platoon does not have heavy weapons (howitzers), but contains the auxiliary crews. The CO is an officer or an officer-candidate (an NCO). The crew consists of two radar operators, four field telephone operators, three scouts, one forward observer and two drivers.
7. The weapons platoon has two 122 mm howitzers and two trucks, type Tatra 128. The CO is an officer or officer candidate. The crew consists of two NCO's in charge, 12-man crew and two drivers.

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8. The following comprise one battery:

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| a. Officers: CO of the battery | 1 |
| b. Officers or officer candidates: CO's of the platoons | 3 |
| c. Men: Technical personnel at headquarters platoon | 12 |
| Howitzer crew | 28 |
| Drivers | 2 |
| d. Heavy Weapons: Howitzers 122mm | 4 |
| e. Trucks: Type Tatra 128 | 4 |

9. The entire regiment, including the commander, his deputy and the regimental staff, consists of the following:

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| a. Officers and officer candidates | 57 |
| b. Noncoms and enlisted men | 436 |
| c. Howitzers 122 mm | 36 |
| d. Trucks for the howitzers, type Tatra 128. | 36 |

Other vehicles are in use as well, the number of which is unknown.

10. The regiment belongs to the 11th Infantry Division at Pilsen. Other units which belong to this division are not known.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ARTILLERY REGIMENT #12
(CODE NUMBER: MILITARY UNIT #39)

Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Nikolaj Merunko

Deputy and Political Officer

First Lieutenant Vavra (fnu)

Regimental Staff

Two majors, one captain, five lieutenants

Headquarters Battery

Officers - Commander and his deputy

Men - About 40, mostly noncommissioned officers

Administration - food supply - maintenance -

repair of howitzers - weapons - motor-pool

1st Battalion

2nd Battalion

3rd Battalion

1st Battery

4th Battery

7th Battery

2nd Battery

5th Battery

8th Battery

3rd Battery

6th Battery

9th Battery

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CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ARTILLERY REGIMENT #12
(CODE NUMBER: MILITARY UNIT #39)

2nd Battalion

Commander - First Lieutenant Jaroslav Novak

Deputy Commander - Lieutenant Blaha (fnu)

Commander of Auxiliary Crew - Name unknown

Radar operators - Telephone operators -

Scouting patrol - forward observers - drivers

4th Battery

5th Battery

6th Battery

5th Battery

Commander - Lieutenant Mourek (fnu) (probably)

Headquarters Platoon

Without heavy weapons

Weapons Platoon

2 Howitzers - 122 mm

2 Trucks - Tatra 128

Weapons Platoon

2 Howitzers - 122 mm

2 Trucks - Tatra 128

Commanding Officer

Platoon leader candidate

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Hrnecir (fnu)

Commanding Officer

Corporal candidate

Men

Radar Operators - 2

Telephone Operators - 4

Scouts - 3

Forward observer - 1

Driver - 2

Men

NCO's in charge - 2

Crew - 12

Drivers - 2

Same Crew

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